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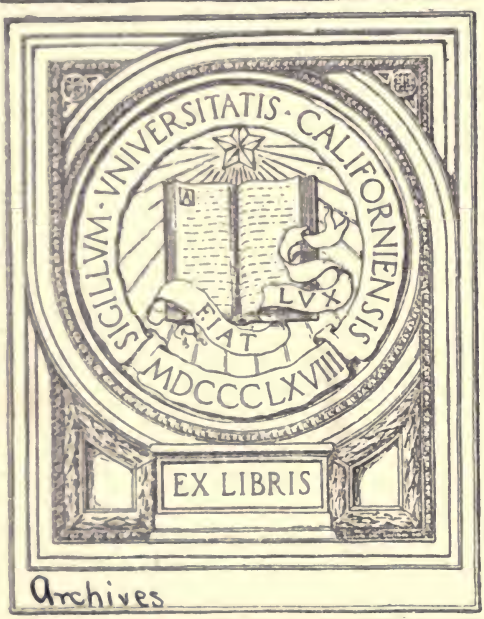

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THE LAWYERS' MEMORIAL HALL
OF
BOALT HALL OF LAW

April 1908

California must create a great School of Law and leadership.

The University of California will build this School of Law on the Campus at Berkeley. Boalt Hall will house it. The Lawyers' Memorial Hall will be the living center—the heart of the School of Law.

It is planned to make this a great School of Law; to create not merely a law department of good standing, but a center of legal education of the highest rank—a Harvard or Columbia of the West,—and more—drawing a student body from the western half of the continent, training future leaders in our community, giving full consideration to the special development of the law of the States this side of the Rockies.

Boalt Hall with its Lawyers' Memorial Hall will be built at once upon the pledging of fifty thousand dollars to add to Mrs. Boalt's gift of one hundred thousand dollars—the plans calling for a building costing approximately one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

The building will consist of the lecture rooms on the lower floor, law-club rooms on the sub-floor, and the Lawyers' Memorial Hall covering the entire upper floor. This Lawyers' Memorial Hall will be the vital center of the future School of Law—here will be gathered a great library of law,—the plan providing stack room for 90,000 volumes. Ranged around the law stacks will be the day's life of the School—on one side the work-rooms or studies of the instructors, within hand reach of the stacks; on the other side will be the Reading Hall itself, where the students will work throughout the day, with access to the stacks, within touch of the instructor, and with the spirit of solidarity gathering momentum from the reactive contact of each other in such properly adjusted conditions. Off the Reading Hall will be special rooms: The Conference Room, for students desiring to talk over a disputed point without disturbing the quiet of the

Reading Hall; the Lawyers' Room, where any lawyer of the State may have a private mode of using the great library that will be gathered here; the Law Review Room, where the projected law magazine of the School, to be devoted specially to the development of problems of the western law, such as that of mines and water, will be edited.

This whole group—the working rooms, stacks, and Reading Hall,—will constitute together the Lawyers' Memorial Hall. The tablet of commemoration of the generous devotedness of the donors—leaders of the bar—to a noble conception of legal education in California by the gift of $50,000 will mark to the passing generations a distinctive step in the inauguration of a great School of Law and leadership in California.

This working center will concentrate the daily life of the school. Here student and professor will spend his working day and evening. Here is to grow the high purpose, the high standard of legal honor, and the spirit of devotion to the public welfare that is to mark this School of Law from its foundation—for its distinctive purpose is to do more than prepare attorneys for practice—it is to train leaders in democracy, and men of the law with the highest standard of honor the profession should cherish.

It is expected that professorships will be endowed so liberally that a compensation equal to or greater than that paid in the great Schools of Law in the East will draw the ablest men of the Nation to this School. That is an opportunity now before public-spirited men of wealth, especially lawyers of wealth who desire to influence their own and succeeding generation in marked degree. From $150,000 to $200,000 is necessary to suitably endow a law professorship to enable it to compete with the best talent in practice and in teaching in the best paid law schools.

It is planned to establish here a great law library of the West. The law department has at present a start of 6,000 volumes. It has a gift of about $20,000 to expend upon the new library at a later date. From other sources the library will be steadily built up.

The Lawyers' Memorial Hall fund of $50,000 added to Mrs. Boalt's gift of one hundred thousand will make it possible to begin at once upon the building of Boalt Hall, where the great School of Law is to be created and developed.

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